GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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EXPLOITATION OF GROUND WATER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ground Water has been overexploited and construction of new ground water structures is prohibited in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether despite prohibition large number of illegal bores have been bored in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the number of cases of violation has come to the notice of the concerned authorities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), constituted under Section 3(3) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the purpose of regulation and control of ground water management and development has declared South and South-West districts of Delhi as 'Notified Areas' on consideration of annual ground water withdrawal having exceeded the annual replenishable ground water resources. Restriction on construction of new structures for extraction of ground water resources in these areas has been imposed by CGWA to avoid further depletion of resources.

(b) & (c) A total of 93 complaints of illegal borings have been received in the CGWA. These complaints have been forwarded to the concerned Deputy Commissioners for necessary action.